

**SIMULATION MEDICAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF LOUISIANA**  
(SMTEC-LA)

Louisiana Health Works Commission

Minutes  
June 16, 2014

Meeting at the Louisiana Hospital Association, 9525 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge

Members Present:

Dr. Shelia W. Chauvin, Chair\*  
Doris Tschudy (*Designee for Gerrelda Davis*)  
Patricia Dufrene  
Bootsie Durand  
Paula Hellums\*  
Laurie Hinrichs\*  
Dr. Melinda Oberleitner\*  
Dr. Larry Tremblay\*  
Dr. Peggy Wolfe  
Mary Pat Thevenot, Vice Chair\*

Members Absent:

M. Lynn Ansardi  
David Halveston  
Dr. Jane Eggerstedt  
Jon Johnson  
Dr. James Korndorffer, Jr.  
Dr. Cecelia Mouton  
Dr. Kimberly Meyer  
Dr. Jacqueline Hill  
Tabitha Jones –Thomas  
Rep. Patrick Williams  
Laurie Fontenot  
Sen. David Heitmeier

Guests:

Dr. Matthew Carlisle (School of  
Medicine, LSUHSC-New  
Orleans)

\*Members of the Executive Committee

Call to Order

Dr. Sheila Chauvin, Chair, Called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Introduction of members, designees, and guests followed. Paula Hellums was introduced as a new member of the council and its Executive Council, replacing Laurie Fontenot. Ms. Fontenot has assumed the position of Chair for the Health Works Commission and will continue as an ad hoc, non-voting member of the Council. It was noted that Debbie Cruz is longer employed at the Department of Education and a new representative to the Council is needed. Dr. Tremblay indicated that he would contact the appropriate person at the DoE to appoint a new representative.

Dr. Matthew Carlisle attended as a guest and was introduced by Dr. Chauvin. Dr. Carlisle is an emergency physician at the School of Medicine, LSUHSC-New Orleans. He also directs the point-of-care simulation program and has been working closely with Dr. Chauvin to lead the PoCSim project that is currently being funded, in part, as a Health Works Commission project for 2013-14.

A quorum was not achieved. With a majority present, the Council meeting proceeded in Executive Committee.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Minor corrections were noted. Laurie Fontenot motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Dr. Larry Tremblay. There was no discussion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting of April 28, 2014 cancelled due to a lack of quorum and a majority of the Executive Committee available to attend.

Update Reports

- LA Health Works Commission: Dr. Larry Tremblay reported that Laurie Fontenot was elected by the HWC Executive Committee to replace Ms. KarenSue Zoeller.
- Board of Regents: Dr. Tremblay reported that the HWC meeting schedule has been adjusted, given the change in leadership. An email communication was distributed earlier this day to postpone the next meeting and included the template and guidance for 2014-15 proposals. At this time, an estimated \$200,000 will be available for project awards.

A brief discussion among Council members ensued regarding potential projects for supporting nursing tuition that has been of interest to the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and LaCANE. Individuals representing nursing indicated that finding new nursing faculty is a challenge. Dr. Tremblay reminded Council members that the current support for nursing tuition is through an exemption, not a stipend, format.

#### Other Announcements

Mary Pat Thevenot reminded Council members that August 9 is the LHA conference on simulation. Dr. Pam Jeffries is the speaker for the entire day. She will address the following: general simulation and inter-professional, clinical and academic collaboration. The conference will be in the LHA Conference Center. Registration is \$185 for participants from member hospitals and \$285 for those from non-member hospitals. ONE credit has been approved, but they don't have a source for CME credit.

#### Project Updates

- Point-of-Care Simulation Training Project: Dr. Chauvin provided a brief background and invited Dr. Carlisle to comment on the progress of this project. Training continues to proceed very well. There is very positive receptivity to this type of training. With grant support, it is about \$50/person for the two-hour training. Without grant support, it is about \$100/person. All training for this project is based on identified training needs. Overall, leaders and health care professionals view this as a great program and want more opportunities to participate in this type of training. Scheduled training activities for the 2013-14 projects have been completed. Data analysis is underway, and a report will be completed and submitted by the requested deadline.

Dr. Chauvin indicated that they are seeking and following up on leads for other sources of funding that could help hospitals fund this type of training in the future. One example that they are exploring is the FLEX grant program through the Department of Health and Hospitals. Dorie Tschudy also mentioned that SHIPS program (Small Hospital Improvement and Patient Safety) that could be a good fit with the simulation-based training project. Between \$4,000 - \$5,000 is available to hospitals, and it operates on a grant basis. The SHIPS program operates out of the same DHH office as the FLEX program. The LA Quality Forum might also be interested in sponsoring some of this type of training.

- State Simulation Faculty Development Project: Dr. Chauvin also provided an update report for this project. All training activities have been completed. Some challenges were faced this year with a lower response/registration rate. The repeated course offering in New Orleans (February 2014) was successful, but sessions in Lafayette (December 2013) and Shreveport (May 2014) were both cancelled due to very low registration. Timing, conflicts with other activities (e.g., SACS and LCME accreditation occurring simultaneously at LSUHSC-Shreveport) and freeze policies on travel and travel funds were among the contributing factors that were considered. Where sessions were implemented, response and preliminary review of evaluation data are very encouraging. Data analysis is underway, and a report will be completed and submitted to the Board of Regents by the requested deadline.

#### Review of Council Charge, Mission and Vision

Because of timing, this item was returned to the agenda for the next meeting to allow time for discussion of 2014-15 project proposals to submit to the HWC call.

#### 2014-15 Project Proposals to Submit to the HWC

Proposals to the HWC will be reviewed and award decisions will be made at its August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Chauvin opened the discussion and invited Council members to offer perspectives and suggestions. After some discussion, there appeared to be general agreement to build upon the current work being done with point-of-care simulation-based training and to complete the last four modules in the statewide simulation faculty development program. Dr. Larry Tremblay offered the motion that Council authorizes the chair to prepare and submit proposals to HWC on behalf of the Council. Laurie Hinrichs seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote of approval. Dr. Chauvin submitted two proposals: 1) PoC simulation including building up the existing collaboration

between LSUHSC-New Orleans and ULL for exploring PoC expansion in the greater Lafayette region, expand dialogue with LSUHSC-Shreveport for north LA development, and perhaps explore some train-the-trainer efforts; 2) build upon the statewide simulation faculty development program, specifically to complete the final four modules and repeating the repeat statewide assessment survey that was done initially in 2011.

#### Other Business

Dr. Chauvin called for other items to address at this meeting or to add to the agenda for the next meeting. None was mentioned. Dr. Chauvin encouraged the Council members to this about what would be most beneficial for future meetings and to the fulfillment of the council's legislative charge, and to actively contribute to future meeting agenda. She also noted that a poll would be distributed to complete scheduling the Council meetings through June 2015.

#### Public Comment

Dr. Chauvin asked Dr. Carlisle if he had any comments to share with the Council. With no additional comments, she proceeded to adjourn the meeting.

#### Adjournment

Dr. Chauvin called for a motion to adjourn. Bootsie Durant so moved and Patricia Dufresne seconded the motion. With no other discussion, a call for approval was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** To be determined and distributed via email to Council members.